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Louisiana Shrimp Season Now Under Way in Full Force

Louisiana's shrimping season, which has been closed tight as a drum since June 10, got under way officially in full force at sunrise Monday, August 11. It was estimated that nearly 2,000 vessels were out when the season opened, and an additional one thousand have since then joined in trawling for shrimp. It is estimated that there are approximately 3,000 shrimp vessels in the state.

During the first three days of the season, shrimp operators in various waters, were visited by a group of scientists from the Department of Wild Life and Fisheries headed by Dr. James N. Dowanloch, chief biologist. They inspected the catch from the trawlers they visited, measured the shrimp and took notes on the quantity and quality of the shrimp.

The information will be used by the Department to determine the effects of the two month state-wide closed season, which is the first time that such a ban has been in effect in this state, in view of the fact that the Legislature enacted this law at its session last year.

Any changes in the closed season will naturally have to be made by the Legislature and the Department will be prepared to make recommendations, based on its investigations, as to whether any changes should be made.

It will probably be sometime before the effects of the closed season will be known insofar as the quantity of the catch is concerned. Boat operators are reminded that they must purchase vessel licenses before going out to fish. For vessels not exceeding 45 feet the license is \$5, and for vessels over 45 feet, the license is \$10.

30 DAY DUCK SEASON SET FOR STATE STARTING NOVEMBER 18

STATE'S HUNTING CLUB NOT TO OPEN THIS SEASON

Louisiana's only public shooting club—Pass-a-Loutre—at the mouth of the Mississippi River, will not be operated this year, it has been announced by Wild Life and Fisheries Commissioner Luther S. Montgomery.

Decision to forego opening the club this year was reached following announcement from Washington of the dates set for migratory hunting in Louisiana.

Due to the fact that the season on migratory game is so short this year—just 30 days, and due further to the fact that operating the club for such a short period of time would necessitate charging rates that would be out of reach of the average hunter, it was decided, the Commissioner stated, not to operate the club at all.

Last year the club was operated on a first come first served basis, and a fee of \$16 per day was charged for meals, guides, lodging and transportation. Despite a spotty season, the club was reserved to capacity almost every day it operated, although toward the end of the duck season, there were numerous cancellations.

The Commissioner announced that persons who have their own boats, pirogues and decoys, will be given permission to hunt on the Pass-a-Loutre grounds during the season provided the Department is informed before-hand and confirmation received so that there will be no overcrowding of available space. Persons interested should communicate with the Fish and Game Division of the Department in the Civil Courts Bldg.,

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1947-48 HUNTING LICENSES GO ON SALE

Hunting licenses for the 1947-48 season are now on sale at every sheriff's office in Louisiana. Cost of resident licenses are \$2 and for non-residents the cost is \$25.

A record breaking total of 169,652 resident hunting licenses were sold last year. First legal game that can be hunted in Louisiana is Rails and Gallinules on which the season opens September 1st.

Printed digests of hunting regulations are available at all sheriff's offices or can be obtained from the Department's offices in the Civil Courts Bldg., New Orleans.

Early Hunting Is Best for Largest Number of Hunters

A survey covering several years supplemented by consensus of opinion among duck hunters has resulted in the conclusion that an early duck season provides the best hunting for the greatest number of hunters. This is the reason given by the Department of Wild Life and Fisheries for recommending an early opening date for the duck season.

Because of these reasons, Louisiana has had early opening seasons for many years, it was pointed out. Last year, the season started November 23rd and the year before that it started on November 2nd.

The coastal area of Louisiana is without question the great

BAG LIMITS ON DUCKS AND GEESSE ARE REDUCED

The most drastic migratory game regulations in many years were announced from Washington July 31 by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, after they were approved by President Truman. In some respects the regulations were more drastic than many had expected.

The season for ducks, geese and coots was set for 30 days, a reduction from the 45 days of last year. Bag limits and shooting time was cut also.

The season for ducks, geese and coots in Louisiana will begin November 18 and run through December 17th. Daily bag limit for ducks, except American and red-breasted mergansers, are 4 in the aggregate of all kinds, including in such limit not more than one wood duck. Possession limit are two day's bag limit, or eight ducks, but not more than 1 wood duck.

Daily bag limit on American and red-breasted mergansers are 25 singly or in the aggregate. There are no possession limit on this species of ducks.

For geese, the daily bag limit is 4, including in such limit not more than one Canada, Hutchinson or white fronted (locally called speckled belly) goose. Possession limit is one day's bag limit. Last year there was a closed season on Canada and Hutchinson geese all along the Mississippi flyway.

There is no change in the bag or possession limit on Coots (Poule-d'Eau). It is the same as last year, 25 bag limit and 25 possession limit.

The season on doves this year

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Here Are Outstanding Features of 1947-48 Migratory Regulations

Here are important things to remember about the migratory game regulations for this year:

The bag limit on ducks has been reduced from 7 last year to 4 this year, and you may still take 1 wood duck. The possession limit is still two days' bag limit on ducks, which means you cannot possess more than 8 ducks at any one time, but not more than 1 wood duck.

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On opening day, November 18th, only one day's bag limit may be possessed.

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There is an open season this year on Canada, Hutchinson and white-fronted (locally called speckled belly) geese, although only one goose of this species may be taken and only one may be possessed. Last year the season was closed in Louisiana on this species of geese. All together, the bag limit on geese is 4, including not more than 1 of either of the above mentioned species.

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Shooting hours have been changed. For ducks, geese, coots, rails and gallinules, shooting is from sunrise to one hour before sunset. On opening day of season shooting cannot start until 12:00 Noon.

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Hunters are reminded that the legal limit of game may be possessed for 90 days after the close of the season.

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Shooting hours for woodcock and doves are a little different than those for ducks, geese, coots, rails and gallinules. For Doves and woodcock, shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

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Hunters of ducks and geese must purchase a federal duck stamp which costs \$1 and can be obtained at any postoffice, and these must be attached to their state hunting license.

MOTION PICTURE ON TRAPPING PRODUCED

Continental Productions of Los Angeles, motion picture producers, represented by Mr. Hillory Gaudin and Mr. Manny Nathan, "shot" scenes recently on the State Wildlife Refuge, which will be part of a documentary motion picture on Louisiana. Marion Landry, trapper, was used as the "star" of this particular scene, and all details of a day's trapping activity were filmed.

The Department of Wild Life and Fisheries through its division of Fur and Refuge, headed by Director Armand P. Daspit, extended this cooperation to the motion picture people, and the producers were given information on the State Wildlife Refuge by Field Supervisor R. D. Landry. The motion picture, when completed, it is said, will cover cross sections of the various natural resources of the State.

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migratory waterfowl area of the State. Within this coastal area, undoubtedly 80 to 90 per cent of the migratory waterfowl hunting is conducted. In this area the most prized ducks are the mallards and pintails. The first pintails usually arrive in the southwest corner of Louisiana, in Cameron Parish in the Johnson Bayou and the Creole area on or about the first of September. In October, flights of mallards and additional pintails, along with many of the other species, begin to migrate into the State, usually going direct to the fresh water ponds just within the sea rim in the Louisiana marshes. By the first of November, the coastal area of Louisiana has been carrying since time immemorial, the best concentration of our best ducks.

Another reason for an early season is the fact that the ducks killed in the coastal area during the month of November are always the fattest and in the best condition. Later in November, and sometimes in December, the deep diving ducks, the ringneck (commonly known as the black duck), the dos gris, the canvasback and the red heads, go into the deep water areas, but there is no comparison as to the numbers of hunters and as to the numbers of ducks between the shallow feeding ducks and the deep water diving ducks. The proportion is most likely nine to one in favor of our mallards and pintails and our shallow water feeding ducks.

For these reasons, a season from the middle of November to the middle of December, provided we

Expect Decision In Court Fight On Pollution

A decision is expected next month in federal court on a suit by the Texas Company against the Louisiana Stream Control Commission and Louisiana's stream pollution laws.

Attorney General Fred LeBlanc is representing the Stream Control Commission in the suit in which the Texas Company seeks an order to enjoin the Commission from enforcing its rules and regulations.

Briefs have been filed by both sides. The case came up in federal court in Shreveport on Saturday, July 26th and was heard by a three judge court consisting of Federal Judge Ben Dawkins of the Western District, Judge Elmo P. Lee of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and Judge Gaston Porterie of the Western District. Due to the fact that Judge Porterie was called to New York to serve on the bench there, it was indicated that a decision in the case will be delayed, but it is expected sometime during September.

GOWANLOCH ADDRESSES EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Dr. James N. Gowanloch, chief biologist of the Wild Life and Fisheries Department, was one of the speakers at the annual Summer Education Conference held at Northwestern State College in Natchitoches the first week of August.

can only have one month of shooting, will bring to the greatest number of hunters the best shooting that can be had.

Fish Restocking Program Continues



Louisiana's fish restocking program undertaken by the Department of Wild Life and Fisheries continues unabated throughout the State. The above scenes shows the latest activity which took place in Natchitoches Parish. There members of the fish rescue squad seined a shallow bar pit near Red River and deposited their haul into popular Cane River Lake.

The fish rescue crew is under the supervision of Bert Oldham. The crew has been extremely busy at this time of the year, for the reason that due to the dry weather, many fish have been saved from dying in small pits and lakes. Fish taken from such places are transported in streams nearest to the waters where they are rescued.

In Natchitoches Parish, the crews were successful in rescuing several large spoonbill catfish and thousands of small bass. In the photos above a group displays the catfish while in the lower photo Bert Oldham and one of his crewmen, William T. Diel, are shown emptying containers filled with small bass.

Cooperating in the project in Natchitoches Parish were Sherman

Johnston, former president of the Natchitoches Wildlife Association, and Albert J. Wilson, superintendent of the U. S. Fish Hatchery, located in Natchitoches.

FREE CONSERVATION MOVIES FOR CHILDREN DURING SUMMER MONTHS

Continuing a policy which has been in effect with considerable success for the past two years, the Division of Education and Publicity of the Wild Life and Fisheries Department, is again this summer, sponsoring free motion picture matinees for children during the summer months. The motion pictures are shown each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, beginning at 3 p. m., during the summer months at the Department's wildlife museum lecture room in the Presbytere building across from Jackson Square in New Orleans.

Mrs. L. K. Graham, visual aid supervisor, is in charge of the motion picture matinees, it has been announced by Isaac D. Chapman, director of the Education and Publicity Division. In addition to motion pictures on conservation, comedies and other movies of interest to children are shown.

New Dynamite Experiments Are Conducted

A series of new and far reaching experiments were conducted during the third week in August by biologists of the Wild Life and Fisheries Department to supplement present available information on the effects of geophysical exploration activities in coastal waters on marine life. The experiments took place in the Gulf of Mexico off Four Bayou Pass, about 7 miles east of Grand Isle.

Several thousand pounds of dynamite and hundreds of live crabs, fish and shrimp were used. Specially constructed cages were prepared to store the specimens. Dynamite charges of from 5 to 800 pounds were exploded and the fish, crabs and shrimp were placed in areas from 50 to 400 feet from where the dynamite was set off.

Three oil companies cooperated in these experiments, making available their boats, crews, dynamite and other facilities. The companies are Humble Oil and Refining Company, the California Company and the Shell Oil Company.

In charge of the experiments was Dr. James N. Gowanloch, chief biologist of the Wild Life and Fisheries Department, assisted by Dr. Howard Malcolm Owen, special biologist, and Louis G. Rodrigue, geophysical inspector. A. B. Cunningham, party chief for the Shell Oil Company was in charge of the dynamite boat assisted by W. A. Boudreaux, party manager of Shell.

The experiments were witnessed by representatives of police juries, shrimp fishermen, senators and representatives of the coastal parishes.

A complete report of the experiments will appear in this publication as soon as it is available.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR DAM AT HORSESHOE LAKE

The Department of Finance has awarded a contract to the Morrison Engineering and Contracting Company of New Roads to construct a drop inlet spillway structure and earth dam at Horseshoe Lake in Morehouse Parish, located southeast of Bastrop. The successful bid was \$10,975.00. The next bid amounted to nearly \$20,000.

Horseshoe Lake Game Preserve was authorized in an act passed at the 1946 session of the Legislature.

Winners of St. Landry Education Contest Named

Winners of the recent essay contest in St. Landry Parish sponsored by Dr. George Azar and George Schiff of St. Landry in the interest of conservation education, were announced recently. John Fa-Kouri, Jr., student at Opelousas High School, won the \$25 first prize for the best 100-word essay on the subject, "How to Conserve Game and Fish".

Other winners, in order of placing were:

Edward Duplechain, Port Barre High School \$10; Barbara Hidalgo, Port Barre High School \$5; each \$2: Calvin Clary, Opelousas High School; Betty Jane Goudeau, AIC; Neal Bertinot, AIC; Lionel Mayer and Irene Richard, both of Opelousas Elementary school.

The essays were sent by school principals to Parish Superintendent S. A. Moncla, who numbered the papers and removed the names, and three officers of the Opelousas Wildlife association served as judges. They were E. E. Payv, A. K. Smith, Jr., and E. G. Burleigh.

A large number of entries were received from St. Landry parish students and there was widespread interest in the contest. Plans are being worked out to make the event an annual affair.

Here is the winning essay: HOW TO CONSERVE GAME AND FISH

By John Fa-Kouri, Jr.

"Our generation should be taught the necessity of conservation. So as to better conserve game there should be shorter seasons and smaller bag limits. For all scarce game closed seasons should be long enough to allow for reproduction. Agencies should be established to punish all game destroyers.

"For further conservation of fish, licenses should be required of every fisherman, and the money collected therefrom should be spent towards the propagation of fish.

"Conservation is imperative. But who will see to it? It is we, the youth of today, the men of tomorrow, who must carry on!"

The armored catfish does not have ordinary scales, but rather overlapping armor plates. The fish, good scavengers, lay eggs in bubble-nests in plants at the surface of water.



Mike Levy, special inspector for Coastal Waste Control Section, standing atop steelcraft boat, about ready to dock at field foreman's office prior to beginning day's inspection in this particular field.



The inspector, center, is making a report of oil overboard, as one of the men checks depth. Several fields each day are visited by the inspectors working in crews.

Enroute between oil fields, with tank battery shown in the background. In addition to these personal inspections from boats, aerial inspections are made periodically all over the coastal section.



An improper burning pit is discovered and a note is made of this minor, are called promptly to the attention of officials in charge. Inspected.

FIGHTING STREAM POLL

The war against pollution is being waged on many fronts. One of the critical "battle" areas in Louisiana is the coastal section, and here, for the first time, the State has organized and equipped itself to carry on a real campaign against pollution. A new pollution fighting unit known as Coastal Waste Control was recently organized within the Department of Wild Life and Fisheries.

Two steelcraft boats were purchased and equipped and special inspection crews were organized and trained to go

Approaching tank battery for inspection.





n. These and other infractions, some of which are
then check back to see if the violations have been

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boat. Their entire time is spent in the various oil
the coastal areas. In three months these inspectors
cted some 108 pollution violations, many of which,
ing been called to the attention of the companies
have been corrected. The pictures on these pages
ory of a typical day's work of one of the inspectors.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY J. E. MORGAN



Standing on ledge of storage tank, inspector takes a photograph of oil in
water. Inspectors are equipped with cameras and pictures are used as exhibits
in their reports.

Inspecting tank battery and writing report.



Pointing out a rotted deck to company employee.





WITH THE MEN IN THE FIELD

Reports of Arrests and Activities of Wild Life Enforcement Agents



AGENTS PARTICIPATING IN JUNE ARRESTS

Cliff Ardoin	3
J. W. Bates	3
Levert Bird	2
Haymon Blanchard	17
Julius L. Book	17
Harmon Burgess	2
Edward Carline	2
Sam J. Chaze	1
Fred Cook	2
Tom Duck	1
Edwin Fairbanks	2
J. Marvin Fallin	4
Brogan M. Fairchild	4
T. H. Forman, Jr.	1
John W. Gilbert	3
Cecil Gilmore	5
E. B. Head	1
Lesma Hebert	1
Clarence Hood	3
P. F. Huddleston	2
Ardon E. Jones	5
Volidia Jones	1
Cullen J. Landry	1
W. J. McCauley	1
J. V. McConnell	1
James R. McFerrin	2
Spencer Maxwell	3
Harold Moreau	1
James Low	1
Earl Nugent	1
Chas. Olano	2
Ben E. Parker	2
B. C. Patterson	5
Nat Pedro	3
Robt. Pertuis	4
Eugene Phillips	1
H. A. Pipes	3
W. J. Plattsmier	3
Cliff Reeves	1
Robt. Prather	2
Geo. Savario	1
Lawrence Sintès	1
W. R. Stutson	1
Allen Swayze	1
Oliver Taunton	1
Frank Trocchiano	12
Ferdie Trouille	3
Chas. Ventrella	2
Paul Voitier	12
L. C. Weaver	1
A. B. Calhoun	1
Jesse Laird	2
Ben Mayeaux	3
A. H. Willette	2
K. P. Landry	5

PARISHES IN WHICH VIOLATIONS OCCURRED DURING JUNE

Ascension	1
Assumption	1
Avoyelles	1
Bossier	2
Caddo	1
Calcasieu	1
Caldwell	1
Catahoula	1
Concordia	1
Franklin	2
Grant	1
Iberia	3
Iberville	2
LaSalle	1
Madison	2
Morehouse	2
Natchitoches	4
Orleans	1
Ouachita	5
Plaquemines	1
Pointe Coupee	2
St. Bernard	13
St. James	4
St. Landry	3
St. Mary	5
St. Tammany	3
Terrebonne	3
Union	3
Vermilion	15
Winn	4

TYPES OF VIOLATIONS WHICH OCCURRED DURING JUNE

Angling Without License	3
Trawling—No License	3
Commercial Fishing—No License	3
Taking Game Fish With Illegal Tackle	1
Commercial Fishing With Illegal Tackle	1
Possessing Frogs During Closed Season	1
Frogs With Skin Punctured	1
Hunting At Night	12
Hunting Squirrels During Closed Season	3
Hunting Rabbits During Closed Season	12
Hunting Migratory Waterfowl During Closed Season	1
Hunting On State Preserve	2
Blocking Of Stream	3
Pollution of Stream.	5

Game Agent Gordy Of Winnsboro Dies Suddenly

Charles Judson "Doc" Gordy, 36, Winnsboro, game agent for the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Department in Franklin Parish, died suddenly of a heart attack on Thursday, June 10th. Officially his death was attributed to "a heart ailment of a chronic nature".

Gordy has been an agent of the Wild Life and Fisheries Department for three years. He was a native of Wisner. He had a good record as a game agent and was considered one of the most competent enforcement agents in the Department.

Regret at his passing was expressed by Commissioner Luther S. Montgomery and Major John G. Appel, director of the enforcement division.

Gordy is survived by his widow, two children, his mother, two sisters and four brothers.

Services were held Friday, June 11th, at the Egypt Baptist Church and interment followed in the Egypt cemetery near Winnsboro.

AGENTS PARTICIPATING IN JULY ARRESTS

Pierre Babineaux	12
Jack W. Bates	15
Ivy Beard	8
Angelo Benandi	1
Jos. L. Billiot	14
Levert H. Bird	1
Julius L. Book	5
Harmon Burgess	2
John Buslacchi	21
Hayman Blanchard	2
Percy Brossett	1
Edward Carline	1
Sam J. Chaze	13
Ernest Coats	5
Olney Coleman	15
R. A. Davis	1
Wilton Decuir	1
Tom Duck	1
Edwin Fairbanks	8
Brogan Fairchild	4
Marvin Fallin	1
John H. Flynn	1
Ivan Fisk	1
John Gilbert	1
Cecil Gilbert	1
Allen Hawsey	2

Lesma Hebert	8
Clarence Hood	9
Voladia Jones	3
Ardon E. Jones	1
Cullen J. Landry	1
James Low	6
W. J. McCauley	5
James R. McFerrin	3
Spencer Maxwell	2
R. S. Millikin	2
Harold Moreau	3
Jessie McC. Sanders	12
Earl Nugent	2
Sam Nunez	14
Chas. Olano	1
Burford C. Patterson	1
Robt. Pertuis	29
Nat Pedro	15
Armand Petit	9
W. J. Plattsmier	8
Harry Reno	31
Thos. Rayburn	2
Geo. Savario	3
Lawrence Sintès	1
Edgar Stanfield	5
W. R. Stutson	8
Allen D. Swayze	5
Oliver Taunton	5
Dudley Trahan	3
Chas. Ventrella	4
Hector Waguespack	9
James Ware	5
L. C. Weaver	1
A. B. Calhoun	4
Ben Mayeaux	1

FOUR NEW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS ARE APPOINTED

A former member of the famous

Marine Corps Raiders has been appointed a game warden for Terrebonne Parish, it has been announced by Commissioner Luther S. Montgomery. He is Stanley A. Anderson of Houma. During his tenure of 7 years in the Marine Corps, Anderson saw service in the Southwest Pacific and participated in four major battles in the Solomon and Mariannas islands.

Three other game agents have recently been added to the Department's enforcement staff. They are Olney C. Coleman, Plain Dealing, who has been named agent for Bossier Parish; Percy H. Brossett, Campti, who has been named agent for Natchitoches Parish, and Woodrow LaBorde, Winnsboro, who has been named agent for Franklin Parish.

Ducks use their webbed feet not only as a plane does its landing gear when coming down, but also as rudders for flight maneuvering.

Without eyes and living underground, the earthworm senses the fall of night and wriggles to the surface of the earth.

PARISHES IN WHICH VIOLATIONS OCCURRED DURING JULY

Acadia	8
Ascension	3
Assumption	2
Avoyelles	3
Caddo	2
Cameron	3
Catahoula	5
Concordia	8
East Carroll	2
Grant	2
Iberia	5
Jackson	23
Jefferson	1
Lafourche	1
LaSalle	5
Livingston	5
Morehouse	2
Natchitoches	2
Orleans	7
Plaquemines	2
Pointe Coupee	4
Rapides	1
Red River	1
St. Bernard	13
St. John	24
St. Mary	2
St. Tammany	5
Tangipahoa	8
Union	2
Vermilion	6
Washington	2
Webster	5

BEAUREGARD SPORTSMEN AGAINST GAME VIOLATORS

The Beauregard Wild Life Conservation Club, recently organized, held its second meeting in July, and made plans to increase its membership.

The club voted to post a \$25 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person hunting out of season.

L. V. Lottinger is president of his new club, and he announced that membership chairman would be selected for each ward in the parish and that an effort would be made to enlist members from each section of the parish.

ALLEN PARISH SPORTSMEN INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

The Allen Parish Sportsmen's Club held a fish fry during July which was attended by nearly 350 people. A total of 43 new members joined the club at this time, it was reported by Phil McDonald, secretary.

Among the visitors in attendance were Gordy Simon and Cliff Reeves, enforcement officers of the Wild Life and Fisheries Department and F. E. Hernandez, president of the Vernon Parish Sportsmen's club.

TYPES OF VIOLATIONS WHICH OCCURRED DURING JULY

Angling Without License	3
Commercial Fishing—No License	2
Possessing Undersize Commercial Fish	3
Possessing Undersize Game Fish	2
Taking Game Fish With Illegal Tackle	3
Taking Commercial Fish With Illegal Tackle	8
Possessing Frogs During Closed Season	2
Frogs With Skin Punctured	5
Possessing Shrimp During Closed Season	23
Hunting With Unplugged gun	1
Hunting Frogs	5
Hunting At Night	5
Hunting During Closed Season	2
Hunting Squirrel During Closed Season	7
Hunting Migratory Waterfowl During Closed Season	4
Hunting On State Preserve	1
Hunting Song Birds	13
Trawling In Baited Area	2
Possessing Over 16 Ft. Trawl	5

OPELOUS SPORTSMEN PLAN GARFISH RODEO

Plans for a garfish rodeo in St. Landry Parish were made at a meeting of the Opelousas Wildlife Association held in June. Charles Bourque offered \$50 in cash prizes, and a committee composed of Mr. Bourque, Edmond Pavy, Association president, A. K. Smith and E. G. Burleigh was named to formulate details.

Guest speaker at the meeting was V. E. Smith of the Louisiana Forestry Commission.

The Opelousas sportsmen voted to meet on the second Friday of each month and to have at least one meeting a year at a camp on some parish bayou.

INTERIOR OFFICIAL VISITS LOUISIANA

C. Girard Davidson, assistant secretary of the interior, was a visitor in Louisiana about the middle of June, and while in New Orleans visited the offices of the Wild Life and Fisheries Department. He discussed with James N. McConell, director of the Department's Division of Oyster and Waterbottoms plans for keeping open the federal laboratory at Pensacola, Florida, at which place important experiments on the oyster problem are now being conducted.

Mr. Davidson is a native of Louisiana and is a graduate of Tulane University law school. His mother lives at Lafayette.

Predator Control Program Gets Under Way in State

A long range program to reduce the number of predators on wildlife in the state has been launched by the Department of Wild Life and Fisheries, it was announced recently by Commissioner Luther S. Montgomery.

The Commissioner announced the appointment of Joseph Miller, an experienced trapper, to head the program. Miller, who will train other trappers, has already instituted a campaign to determine the extent of damage allegedly caused by wolves in Franklin Parish. On completion of that project, the trappers are scheduled to make a survey of armadillos and their reported destructiveness in the tri-parish area of Beauregard, Sabine and Vernon. Miller, a native of Louisiana, and a resident of Leesville, has been associated with predator control work of the federal government for several years, the Commissioner said.

Commissioner Montgomery stated that the state-wide predator control program will be under the direction of Major James Brown, director of the Department's Fish and Game Division. The program is being financed through the law setting aside 25 percent of the extra dollar charged Louisiana sportsmen for hunting licenses.

Equipment to be used in predator control are traps, and in some cases, poison. Most common game predators in Louisiana are wolves, skunks, wildcats, foxes and armadillos.

The predator control program will continue indefinitely, Commissioner Montgomery stated, to maintain a proper balance between the state's wildlife resources and predators.

Thirty Day Duck Season Is Set For Louisiana

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is from December 1 through January 29th. Bag limit on doves is 10 and possession limit is 10. Last year Louisiana had a split season on doves.

For Rails and Gallinules, the season is from September 1 through November 30. Bag limit is 15 and possession limit 15.

For Woodcock, the season is from December 23 through January 6. Bag limit is 4 and possession limit is 8.

Fishing Guide and Map of Southeast La. Is Published

A fisherman's map and guide of the New Orleans area, Southeast Louisiana and the Gulf Coast, is now being published and is expected to be off the press soon. The map described as a guide to the South's finest fishing, is being published by Wm. E. Boesch, Sr., publisher and author of many state maps and guides. Mr. Boesch's offices are in New Orleans at 423 Baronne Street.

This map and guide is the result of considerable study, and much time and effort collecting and assembling the data contained to assure its accuracy and authenticity.

The book contains such information as, bait and tackle charts, which tells the local and other names of fish, best fishing months, where generally caught, the kind of tackle and bait; pictures and names of salt and fresh water fish; safety rules and hints; first aid; fishing laws and regulations and many other features.

Outdoor Writers Of Louisiana Elect Officers

The Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association held an election of officers at a meeting held August 6th and discussed plans for furnishing an outdoor column to the weekly newspapers of the state.

Arthur Van Pelt, Times Picayune outdoor writer, was re-elected president of the organization. Walter Cranfield, Baton Rouge outdoor writer, was named vice-president. Others re-elected included Val Flanagan, New Orleans States outdoor writer, treasurer, and Isaac D. Chapman, director of education and publicity of Wild Life and Fisheries Department, secretary.

Directors named included Paul Kalman, New Orleans Item outdoor writer, Bob Seacare, and Jerry Breaux, Baton Rouge outdoor writers, and Mrs. Mary Land, New Orleans, free lance writer.

The Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association was formed at a meeting held in Baton Rouge February 18, 1946.

While there are 500 species of humming birds, not a single member is found in any part of the Old World. All are residents of the Western Hemisphere.

State's Hunting Club Not to Open This Season

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New Orleans. It is the plan to divide the public hunting area into districts and hunting parties will be assigned to a district. It is not known as yet how many such districts will be available but announcement will be made as soon as a survey has been completed.

Since the facilities of the club will not be available only those who have their own boats and equipment are advised to hunt there. "We are permitting duck hunters who have their own transportation and facilities to use the Pass-a-Loutre area as a service to duck hunters and regret that because of high operating costs, we find it inadvisable to open the club house to the general public for such a short period of time and such a small bag limit", Commissioner Montgomery stated.

FISHING REGULATIONS IN PLACARD FORM AVAILABLE TO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Small and attractively printed placards giving information on size and creel limits of fresh water game fish have been printed and are available for distribution to sportsmen clubs in the state who desire to post them on fishing lakes and streams in their localities.

The cards have been printed on special moisture proof stock that is expected to withstand weather conditions, and they may be obtained by writing to the education and publicity division of the Department, 126 Civil Courts Bldg., New Orleans.

NEW SPORTSMEN'S CLUB ORGANIZED AT WINNSBORO

The Franklin Parish Wildlife Federation was organized at a meeting of sportsmen held in the courthouse in Winnsboro July 25. The club was organized following an address by Isaac D. Chapman, Wildlife education director of the Wild Life and Fisheries Department.

Harry N. Anders was named temporary chairman and E. J. Short was elected temporary secretary. It was decided to make a parish-wide membership drive and to hold an election of officers at a later date. Also present at the meeting was John P. Durham, Jr., Wildlife Promotion Agent for the Department, who told about plans to organize junior wildlife clubs.

CHAPMAN TO PRESIDE AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONSERVATION EDUCATION

The National Conference on Conservation Education and Publicity will hold its annual convention at the Illinois Conservation Department Training School on Fox Lake near Chicago September 4-5-6-7. The Conference comprises educational and public relations personnel from Conservation and Fish and Game Departments throughout the country.

Isaac D. Chapman, director of the Division of Education and Publicity of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Department, was elected President of the Conference at the convention held last year at Higgins Lake, Michigan, and will preside at this year's sessions.

Among the feature speakers at the convention will be Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, president of the Wildlife Management Institute and Bob Becker, one of the nation's foremost outdoor writers who is outdoor editor of the Chicago Tribune.

JUNIOR C. OF C. SPECIAL AGENTS STUDY CONSERVATION

A series of educational studies on wildlife conservation has been undertaken by the New Orleans Junior Chamber of Commerce, under sponsorship of the Wild Life and Fisheries Department. Those participating are Jaycees who have been appointed special "agents" of the Department, having been issued commissions and serving without pay.

The latest in the series of educational studies included the showing of motion pictures on wildlife conservation at the Department's lecture room in the Presbytere bldg., and a lecture by Ben Dahlen, enforcement ranger.

OUACHITA SPORTSMEN PRAISE ENFORCEMENT AGENTS

The Ouachita Parish Sportsmen's League at their July meeting voiced approval of the work of A. E. Jones, Ouachita parish game warden for his vigilance in enforcing state game and fish laws.

A discussion took place regarding a proposed game fowl sanctuary in connection with the Cheniere Lake project but action was postponed until the August meeting.

The butterfly was originally called the flutterby.

Shrimp Fleet Blessed—Season Starts



The first part of August was a busy time in the various fishing communities in Louisiana coastal parishes as shrimp fleets were being polished and readied for the striping season ahead. And all up and down the Louisiana coast in various communities there took place the religious ceremony of Blessing the Fleet.

One of the most colorful and largest of such ceremonies annually takes place in the Morgan City-Berwick area and this year was no exception. In a celebration lasting two days, the fishermen saw their fleets blessed, took part in games and parades and climaxed the big event with their annual Shrimper's Ball replete with king and queen and royal court.

In the above photo Reverend Father Jules Toups, his assistant Reverend Father Thomas Allain and their Altar Boys are shown above the flagship *Captain Gene*, as they circled Berwick Bay sprinkling Holy Water on the boats and praying for the crew's safety.

HUNTERS WARNED ABOUT ATTEMPTS TO "JUMP" SEASON

Sixteen persons who attempted to gain an early start on deer hunting in Louisiana in July were apprehended, and a warning was issued by Wild Life and Fisheries Commissioner Luther S. Montgomery that agents are on the job and persons found hunting or attempting to hunt before the legal opening date will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

MONTGOMERY AND BROWN TO ATTEND COMMISSIONERS MEET

Commissioner Luther S. Montgomery and Major James Brown, director of the Fish and Game Division, will represent the Department of Wild Life and Fisheries at the 1947 convention of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners and annual American Fisheries Society Conference to be held

in Denver, Colorado, September 8-9-10-11-12. Representatives from Conservation and Fish and Game Departments from each of the 48 states are expected to attend these meetings.

OVER 53,000 DUCK STAMPS SOLD LAST YEAR

For the past fiscal year, from July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947, a total of 53,490 federal duck stamps were sold in Louisiana, according to figures obtained by the Wild Life and Fisheries Department from the postoffice. Broken down, a total of 6,971 of these stamps were sold in New Orleans, and 46,519 were sold in the remainder of Louisiana.

TOTAL OF 172 ARRESTS MADE DURING JULY

Agents of the Wild Life and Fisheries Department made a total of 172 arrests during the month of July, according to records in the Department's enforcement division. The arrests occurred in 32 parishes.